

107. The user station of claim 98, wherein the predetermined criteria is randomly on a periodic basis.

108. The user station of claim 98, wherein the predetermined criteria is based on the popularity of the digital data content.

109. The user station of claim 98, wherein the predetermined criteria is based on the preferences of the customer.

110. The user station of claim 109, wherein the preferences of the customer are manually entered by the customer.--

REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-identified application prior to examination.

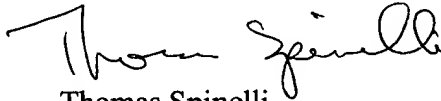
By means of the present Preliminary Amendment, new claims 21-110 have been added to more fully claim the subject matter disclosed in the present application.

In the new claims, "displayed" and other forms thereof mean using the digital data content as intended for the particular type of digital data content. For instance, if the digital data content is video image data, such as a motion picture, then to "display" such video image data means to view it on a viewing device such as a monitor. Similarly, if the digital data content is audio data, then to display such audio data means to reproduce the audio

through an audio reproduction device, such as a speaker. This meaning is apparent to those of ordinary skill in the art from a reading of the specification and the new claims.

Early and favorable consideration are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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